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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. The foregoing amendments are responsive to the August 10, 2005 Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following comments.

Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to as requiring a new title. The title of the application is amended herein to better describe the invention to which the claims are directed.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 8-9 are objected to due to a misspelling in Claim 8. Claim 8 is amended herein to correct the spelling error.

Response to the Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-4, 10, 14, 15, 19-22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,898,798 issued to Hamaguchi. The rejection asserts that Hamaguchi allegedly teaches each element of the claims. Claims 5-7, 16, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamaguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,809,903 issued to Bagnell et al.. The rejection asserts that Hamaguchi allegedly teaches each element of the claims except for dissipative plastic, which is allegedly taught by Bagnell. 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/057522 of Bemett et al.. The rejection asserts that Bemett allegedly teaches each element of the claims except for a disk cartridge, which is allegedly known in the art. Claims 19-24 are canceled herein.

Applicant amends the claims herein to better define the invention. As amended, Claim 1 requires a first and second conductive portion, and a conductive plate attached to the first portion so that the conductive plate forms substantially the bottom of the housing. None of the cited art shows the combination of a first and second portion along with a conductive plate forming the bottom of the removable cartridge. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claim 1.

Claims 2-8, 10, 14-16, and 18 depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1. Each dependent claim further defines the independent claim from which it depends. In view of the foregoing

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remarks regarding Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-8, 10, 14-16, and 18 are likewise in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of dependent Claims 2-8, 10, 14-16, and 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 11-13 and 17 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Applicants maintain that in light of the amendments and arguments to Claim 1, Claims 9, 11-13, and 17 are now in condition for allowance. However, Applicants reserve the right to rewrite Claims 9, 11-13, and 17 in independent form to ensure allowability.

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Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.


No fees are believed due with the filing of this response. However, if Applicants are in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account (No. 50-2733) any fees that are currently due, as well as any fees due during the pendency of this application.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any referred to as attached) is being sent via facsimile to 703-872-9306 to the Commissioner for Patents on the date indicated below.

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